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For (Title):

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF

By (Inventors):

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\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-32; 32 sheets) are attached.
5	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
\boxtimes	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed
_	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
\boxtimes	This patent application is assigned to Fuji Xerox Co., ltd.
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
	A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	Priority of foreign application No. 2002-356795 filed December 9, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
	A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed berewith

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